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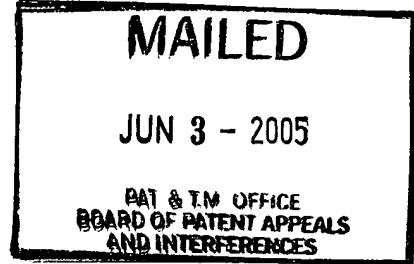
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JOHN R. FREDLUND,  
JOSEPH A. MANICO and  
RICHARD G. MACKSON

Application No. 09/213,169



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 7, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On September 22, 2003, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. A review of the file reveals that the fee was not charged for the Notice of Appeal. Before further review of this file, the above mentioned fee must be applied to the appellants' account.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application be returned to the Examiner for entry of the Notice of Appeal fee, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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